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Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is April 27, 2013

LINCOLN - Attorney General Jon Bruning today announced seven collection sites for the Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day to be held Saturday, April 27, 2013. The Attorney General's Office will partner with the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP), Lincoln Police Department, Grand Island Police Department and federal Drug Enforcement Agency to coordinate collection sites to offer a safe, secure way to dispose of any unused or expired prescription medication.

"No one wants their medicine cabinet to be the source of deadly experimentation," said Bruning. "To help avoid the dangerous consequences of prescription drug abuse, Nebraskans should proactively dispose of unused medication before it gets into the wrong hands."

Each day, an estimated 2,500 teenagers use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. More than three out of four people who misuse prescription painkillers use drugs prescribed to someone else.

This is the fifth take-back event organized by the Attorney General's Office. Past events have resulted in the collection and safe disposal of more than 21,000 lbs. of unwanted drugs across the state, including more than 2,900 lbs. at sites coordinated by the Attorney General's Office and the NSP.

The following locations will host collection sites from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27:

Fremont

Fremont Area Medical Center
450 E. 23rd St.

West Point

St Francis Memorial Hospital
430 N. Monitor St.

Lincoln

Lincoln Neighborhood Pharmacy
6811 O St.

Columbus

Columbus Community Hospital
4600 38th St.

Lexington

Lexington Regional Health Center
1201 N. Erie

York

York General Hospital
2222 N. Lincoln Ave.

Grand Island

St. Francis Medical Center
2620 W. Faidley

For more information on collection site locations, visit the Attorney General's Office website at www.ago.ne.gov or www.nationaltakebackday.com. For more statistics on prescription drug abuse, visit www.cdc.gov.

